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## THE EMPLOYMENT SITUATION: AUGUST 1976

Both unemployment and total employment were about unchanged in August, it was reported today by the Bureau of Labor Statistics of the U. S. Department of Labor. The Nation's unemployment rate was 7.9 percent, little different from the July rate of 7.8 percent but 0.6 percentage point above the 1976 low reached in May.

Total employment--as measured by the monthly survey of households--totaled 88.0 million in August, about the same level as in July. Since its March 1975 recession low, employment has grown by 3.9 million, or an average monthly change over the 17-month span of nearly 230,000.

Nonagricultural payroll employment--as measured by the monthly survey of establishments--rose by 240,000 to 79.4 million. Payroll jobs were 3.1 million above their June 1975 recession low, a monthly average gain of 220,000.

### Unemployment

Both the number of unemployed persons and the unemployment rate were little changed in August, after rising in the 2 previous months. A total of 7.5 million persons (adjusted for seasonality) were jobless, representing 7.9 percent of the labor force. (See table A-1.)

Although overall joblessness was essentially unchanged, there were offsetting movements among major labor force groups. In particular, the unemployment rate for teenagers, which had been declining gradually since the beginning of the year, rose from 18.1 to 19.7 percent, while there was an improvement in the job situation for adult men--especially among heads of households. Divergent movements in joblessness were visible among adult women: The jobless rate for those 25 years of age and over declined over the month, while the rate for younger women (20-24 years) increased substantially. There was also a sizeable rise in the unemployment rate of female family heads. (See table A-2.)

Jobless rates for white and black workers, at 7.1 and 13.6 percent, respectively, were about the same as in July. However, the rate for black teenagers, which had dropped substantially in the prior month, returned to the June level. (See table A-2.)

There was a substantial increase in the number of workers who were seeking their first job, a reflection of the increased joblessness among teenage and young adult women. On the other hand, after rising markedly in June and July, there was little change in the

Table A. Highlights of the employment situation (seasonally adjusted data)

Selected categories	Quarterly averages					Monthly data		
	1975			1976		1976		
	II	III	IV	I	II	June	July	Aug.
	(Thousands of persons)							
Civilian labor force .....	92,531	93,134	93,153	93,553	94,546	94,643	95,333	95,487
Total employment .....	84,443	85,138	85,241	86,402	87,532	87,500	87,907	87,981
Adult men .....	47,286	47,551	47,540	47,998	48,504	48,391	48,535	48,682
Adult women .....	30,129	30,537	30,665	31,234	31,677	31,845	31,958	31,988
Teenagers .....	7,029	7,050	7,036	7,169	7,351	7,264	7,414	7,311
Unemployment .....	8,087	7,997	7,912	7,151	7,014	7,143	7,426	7,506
	(Percent of labor force)							
Unemployment rates:								
All workers .....	8.7	8.6	8.5	7.6	7.4	7.5	7.8	7.9
Adult men .....	7.0	7.0	7.0	5.7	5.7	6.0	6.1	5.9
Adult women .....	8.4	7.9	7.9	7.4	7.1	7.1	7.6	7.7
Teenagers .....	20.2	20.2	19.5	19.4	18.7	18.4	18.1	19.7
White .....	8.0	7.9	7.8	6.9	6.7	6.8	7.1	7.1
Black and other .....	14.1	14.1	14.0	13.1	12.8	13.3	12.9	13.6
Household heads .....	6.0	5.9	5.9	5.0	4.9	5.1	5.4	5.2
Married men .....	5.5	5.4	5.1	4.1	4.1	4.4	4.5	4.2
Full-time workers .....	8.4	8.3	8.2	7.1	7.0	7.4	7.3	7.5
	(Weeks)							
Average duration of unemployment .....	13.8	15.6	16.5	16.3	15.8	16.9	15.8	15.5
	(Thousands of persons)							
Nonfarm payroll employment .....	76,438	77,004	77,642	78,392	78,943	78,943	79,192p	79,431p
Goods-producing industries .....	22,300	22,414	22,690	22,943	23,119	23,091	23,094p	23,113p
Service-producing industries .....	54,138	54,590	54,952	55,450	55,824	55,852	56,098p	56,318p
	(Hours of work)							
Average weekly hours:								
Total private nonfarm .....	35.9	36.1	36.3	36.4	36.1	36.1	36.2p	36.2p
Manufacturing .....	39.1	39.6	40.0	40.3	39.9	40.2	40.2p	39.9p
Manufacturing overtime .....	2.4	2.7	2.9	3.1	2.9	3.1	3.2p	3.0p
	(1967=100)							
Hourly Earnings Index, private nonfarm:								
In current dollars .....	170.7	174.3	177.8	180.6	183.5	184.5	185.6p	186.5p
In constant dollars .....	107.0	107.0	107.5	107.9	108.4	108.5	108.6p	N.A.

p= preliminary.

N.A.=not available.

number of persons who had lost their last job. The average (mean) duration of unemployment also held relatively steady in August at 15.5 weeks. (See tables A-5 and A-4.)

In addition to the relative stability in total unemployment, there was no change, for the second consecutive month, in the number of persons working part time for economic reasons--those who wish to work full time but are on reduced workweeks involuntarily. (See table A-3.)

#### Total Employment and the Labor Force

Total employment and the civilian labor force, at 88.0 and 95.5 million, respectively, were both about unchanged in August following sizeable increases in July. A small increase in employment among adult men was offset by a slight decrease among teenagers. Total employment now stands 3.9 million above its March 1975 recession low.

Since August 1975, the civilian labor force has risen 2.4 million. Adult women made up 1.4 million of this increase, with adult men and teenagers accounting for about 700,000 and 300,000, respectively. (See table A-1.)

#### Industry Payroll Employment

An increase of 240,000 jobs in nonagricultural establishments brought the level of payroll employment to 79.4 million in August, seasonally adjusted. After remaining about unchanged during the April-June period, the payroll job count has increased by 500,000 over the past 2 months and by August was 3.1 million above the recession low of June 1975. Over-the-month increases in employment occurred in about 60 percent of the 172 private nonfarm industries that comprise the BLS index of diffusion. (See tables B-1 and B-6.)

Manufacturing employment, which had shown no growth since April, increased by 85,000 in August, in part due to the settlement of several strikes. The gain, most of which occurred in durable goods industries, brought the number of factory jobs 935,000 above its July 1975 cyclical low.

Employment also rose over the month in services (75,000), State and local government (55,000), and retail trade (45,000). About half the increase in services was due to the settlement of the New York City hospital workers' strike.

Mining payrolls shrank by 40,000 as a result of strikes in the coal industry. Contract construction employment declined by 25,000, as the industry continued to behave sluggishly.

### Hours

The average workweek for production or nonsupervisory workers on private nonfarm payrolls was unchanged in August at 36.2 hours, seasonally adjusted. (See table B-2.) The workweek has remained essentially unchanged for the past 6 months at a level slightly above the spring 1975 low of 35.9 hours.

Whereas most other industries showed little change over the month, the manufacturing workweek was down to 39.9 hours but remained 1.1 hours longer than in February 1975. Most of this decline occurred in the overtime component.

The index of aggregate weekly hours of private nonagricultural production or nonsupervisory workers was about unchanged in August at 111.0 (1967=100). Although increases have slowed since the beginning of this year, the index was 4.8 percent above its March 1975 recession low. The factory index, at 94.1, also remained about the same over the month but was up 8.9 percent from its cyclical low. (See table B-5.)

### Hourly and Weekly Earnings

Average hourly earnings of production or nonsupervisory workers on private nonagricultural payrolls rose 0.2 percent over the month and 6.8 percent since August 1975 (seasonally adjusted). Average weekly earnings also rose 0.2 percent in August, reflecting the small increase in average hourly earnings. Weekly earnings have risen 6.8 percent over the past year.

Before adjustment for seasonality, average hourly earnings were \$4.87 in August, up 1 cent from July. Since August 1975, hourly earnings have risen 31 cents. Weekly earnings increased 36 cents over the month to \$178.24. Average weekly earnings have risen \$11.34 since last August. (See table B-3.)

### The Hourly Earnings Index

The Hourly Earnings Index--earnings adjusted for overtime in manufacturing, seasonality, and the effects of changes in the proportion of workers in high-wage and low-wage industries--was 186.5 (1967=100) in August, 0.5 percent higher than in July. The index was 6.8 percent above August a year ago. During the 12-month period ended in July the Hourly Earnings Index in dollars of constant purchasing power rose 1.8 percent. (See table B-4.)

This release presents and analyzes statistics from two major surveys. Data on labor force, total employment, and unemployment are derived from the sample survey of households conducted and tabulated by the Bureau of the Census for the Bureau of Labor Statistics. Statistics on payroll employment, hours, and earnings are collected by State agencies from payroll records of employers and are tabulated by the Bureau of Labor Statistics. Unless otherwise indicated, data for both series relate to the week of the specified month containing the 12th day. A description of the two surveys appears in the BLS publication *Employment and Earnings*.

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Table A-1. Employment status of the noninstitutional population

(Numbers in thousands)

Employment status	Not seasonally adjusted			Seasonally adjusted					
	Aug. 1975	July 1976	Aug. 1976	Aug. 1975	Apr. 1976	May 1976	June 1976	July 1976	Aug. 1976
<b>TOTAL</b>									
Total noninstitutional population <sup>1</sup>	153,824	156,142	156,367	153,824	155,516	155,711	155,925	156,142	156,367
Total labor force	96,493	99,325	98,837	95,397	96,583	96,699	96,780	97,473	97,634
Participation rate	62.7	63.6	63.2	62.0	62.1	62.1	62.1	62.4	62.4
Civilian noninstitutional population <sup>1</sup>	151,639	154,002	154,220	151,639	153,371	153,570	153,788	154,002	154,220
Civilian labor force	94,308	97,185	96,690	93,212	94,439	94,557	94,643	95,333	95,487
Participation rate	62.2	63.1	62.7	61.5	61.6	61.6	61.5	61.9	61.9
Employed	86,612	89,608	89,367	85,288	87,399	87,697	87,500	87,907	87,981
Agriculture	3,886	3,931	3,842	3,464	3,417	3,329	3,294	3,341	3,424
Nonagricultural industries	82,726	85,677	85,525	81,824	83,982	84,368	84,206	84,566	84,557
Unemployed	7,696	7,577	7,323	7,924	7,040	6,860	7,143	7,426	7,506
Unemployment rate	8.2	7.8	7.6	8.5	7.5	7.3	7.5	7.8	7.9
Not in labor force	57,331	56,817	57,530	58,427	58,932	59,013	59,145	58,669	58,733
<b>Males, 20 years and over</b>									
Total noninstitutional population <sup>1</sup>	65,234	66,279	66,384	65,234	66,002	66,087	66,182	66,279	66,384
Total labor force	53,121	53,760	53,765	52,866	53,010	53,144	53,144	53,387	53,436
Participation rate	81.4	81.1	81.0	81.0	80.3	80.4	80.3	80.5	80.5
Civilian noninstitutional population <sup>1</sup>	63,498	64,586	64,688	63,498	64,311	64,398	64,492	64,586	64,688
Civilian labor force	51,385	52,068	52,068	51,130	51,319	51,455	51,454	51,694	51,740
Participation rate	80.9	80.6	80.5	80.5	79.8	79.8	79.8	80.0	80.0
Employed	48,250	49,143	49,307	47,655	48,524	48,596	48,391	48,535	48,682
Agriculture	2,579	2,596	2,531	2,461	2,405	2,427	2,430	2,449	2,415
Nonagricultural industries	45,671	46,547	46,776	45,194	46,119	46,169	45,961	46,086	46,267
Unemployed	3,136	2,925	2,761	3,475	2,795	2,859	3,063	3,159	3,058
Unemployment rate	6.1	5.6	5.3	6.8	5.4	5.6	6.1	6.1	5.9
Not in labor force	12,113	12,518	12,619	12,368	12,992	12,943	13,038	12,892	12,948
<b>Females, 20 years and over</b>									
Civilian noninstitutional population <sup>1</sup>	71,839	72,966	73,078	71,839	72,653	72,753	72,857	72,966	73,078
Civilian labor force	32,663	33,769	34,058	33,227	34,019	33,972	34,290	34,583	34,639
Participation rate	45.5	46.3	46.6	46.3	46.8	46.7	47.1	47.4	47.4
Employed	29,925	31,126	31,288	30,607	31,523	31,664	31,845	31,958	31,988
Agriculture	628	632	633	542	540	473	479	488	546
Nonagricultural industries	29,298	30,494	30,656	30,065	30,983	31,191	31,366	31,470	31,442
Unemployed	2,738	2,643	2,770	2,620	2,496	2,308	2,445	2,625	2,651
Unemployment rate	8.4	7.8	8.1	7.9	7.3	6.8	7.1	7.6	7.7
Not in labor force	39,176	39,196	39,020	38,612	38,634	38,781	38,567	38,383	38,439
<b>Both sexes, 16-19 years</b>									
Civilian noninstitutional population <sup>1</sup>	16,302	16,450	16,454	16,302	16,407	16,419	16,439	16,450	16,454
Civilian labor force	10,259	11,348	10,563	8,855	9,101	9,130	8,899	9,056	9,108
Participation rate	63.8	69.0	64.2	54.3	55.5	55.6	54.1	55.4	55.4
Employed	8,437	9,339	8,772	7,026	7,352	7,437	7,264	7,414	7,311
Agriculture	680	704	679	461	472	429	385	404	463
Nonagricultural industries	7,757	8,635	8,093	6,565	6,880	7,008	6,879	7,010	6,848
Unemployed	1,823	2,008	1,791	1,829	1,749	1,693	1,635	1,642	1,797
Unemployment rate	17.8	17.7	17.0	20.7	19.2	18.5	18.4	18.1	19.7
Not in labor force	6,042	5,102	5,891	7,447	7,306	7,289	7,540	7,394	7,346
<b>WHITE</b>									
Civilian noninstitutional population <sup>1</sup>	133,760	135,643	135,822	133,760	135,141	135,296	135,473	135,643	135,822
Civilian labor force	83,417	85,850	85,453	82,556	83,451	83,642	83,805	84,359	84,503
Participation rate	62.4	63.3	62.9	61.7	61.8	61.8	61.9	62.2	62.2
Employed	77,217	79,856	79,604	76,130	77,867	78,087	78,120	78,341	78,468
Unemployed	6,201	5,993	5,849	6,426	5,584	5,555	5,685	6,018	6,035
Unemployment rate	7.4	7.0	6.8	7.8	6.7	6.6	6.8	7.1	7.1
Not in labor force	50,343	49,793	50,369	51,204	51,690	51,654	51,668	51,284	51,319
<b>BLACK AND OTHER</b>									
Civilian noninstitutional population <sup>1</sup>	17,879	18,359	18,398	17,879	18,230	18,273	18,315	18,359	18,398
Civilian labor force	10,891	11,335	11,237	10,659	10,901	10,838	10,826	10,867	11,003
Participation rate	60.9	61.7	61.1	59.6	59.8	59.3	59.1	59.2	59.8
Employed	9,396	9,752	9,763	9,134	9,489	9,511	9,382	9,466	9,505
Unemployed	1,495	1,584	1,474	1,525	1,412	1,327	1,444	1,401	1,498
Unemployment rate	13.7	14.0	13.1	14.3	13.0	12.2	13.3	12.9	13.6
Not in labor force	6,988	7,024	7,161	7,220	7,329	7,435	7,489	7,492	7,395

<sup>1</sup> Seasonal variations are not present in the population figures; therefore, identical numbers appear in the unadjusted and seasonally adjusted columns.

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Table A-2. Major unemployment indicators, seasonally adjusted

Selected categories	Number of unemployed persons (In thousands)		Unemployment rates					
	Aug. 1975	Aug. 1976	Aug. 1975	Apr. 1976	May 1976	June 1976	July 1976	Aug. 1976
<b>Total, 16 years and over</b> .....	7,924	7,506	8.5	7.5	7.3	7.5	7.8	7.9
<b>Males, 20 years and over</b> .....	3,475	3,058	6.8	5.4	5.6	6.0	6.1	5.9
<b>Females, 20 years and over</b> .....	2,620	2,651	7.9	7.3	6.8	7.1	7.6	7.7
<b>Both sexes, 16-19 years</b> .....	1,829	1,797	20.7	19.2	18.5	18.4	18.1	19.7
<b>White, total</b> .....	6,426	6,035	7.8	6.7	6.6	6.8	7.1	7.1
<b>Males, 20 years and over</b> .....	2,873	2,539	6.3	4.9	5.1	5.4	5.7	5.5
<b>Females, 20 years and over</b> .....	2,070	2,085	7.2	6.7	6.3	6.5	6.9	7.0
<b>Both sexes, 16-19 years</b> .....	1,483	1,411	18.7	16.6	16.3	16.1	16.3	17.3
<b>Black and other, total</b> .....	1,525	1,498	14.3	13.0	12.2	13.3	12.9	13.6
<b>Males, 20 years and over</b> .....	618	535	11.6	10.0	9.2	10.7	10.3	9.9
<b>Females, 20 years and over</b> .....	554	570	12.6	10.9	10.4	11.3	11.7	12.3
<b>Both sexes, 16-19 years</b> .....	353	393	37.6	39.2	38.5	40.3	34.1	40.2
<b>Household heads, total</b> .....	3,062	2,792	5.7	4.8	4.8	5.1	5.4	5.2
<b>Males</b> .....	2,416	2,054	5.4	4.5	4.4	4.8	4.9	4.5
<b>With relatives</b> .....	2,059	1,662	5.1	3.9	4.0	4.3	4.5	4.1
<b>Without relatives</b> .....	357	392	7.9	9.3	8.1	8.9	8.6	8.1
<b>Females</b> .....	626	693	7.5	6.9	6.3	6.7	7.7	8.0
<b>With relatives</b> .....	416	466	10.3	9.3	8.6	9.2	10.0	11.1
<b>Without relatives</b> .....	210	227	4.9	4.7	4.1	4.4	5.5	5.1
<b>Married men, spouse present</b> .....	2,096	1,687	5.2	3.9	4.0	4.4	4.5	4.2
<b>Full-time workers</b> .....	6,466	6,059	8.1	7.0	6.8	7.4	7.3	7.5
<b>Part-time workers</b> .....	1,445	1,437	10.3	10.7	10.2	9.0	10.7	9.9
<b>Unemployed 15 weeks and over<sup>1</sup></b> .....	2,878	2,387	3.1	2.2	2.1	2.3	2.4	2.5
<b>Labor force time lost<sup>2</sup></b> .....	--	--	8.9	8.2	8.1	7.7	7.9	8.2
<b>OCCUPATION<sup>3</sup></b>								
<b>White-collar workers</b> .....	2,074	2,283	4.6	4.8	4.6	4.4	4.8	5.0
<b>Professional and technical</b> .....	399	433	3.0	3.4	3.2	2.9	3.1	3.1
<b>Managers and administrators, except farm</b> .....	281	339	3.0	2.8	3.2	3.1	3.5	3.5
<b>Sales workers</b> .....	341	345	5.8	4.9	4.8	5.1	5.4	5.9
<b>Clerical workers</b> .....	1,053	1,166	6.5	7.0	6.4	6.1	6.7	7.0
<b>Blue-collar workers</b> .....	3,792	3,125	11.9	9.0	9.0	9.3	9.6	9.8
<b>Craft and kindred workers</b> .....	1,032	846	8.5	7.0	6.2	7.3	7.4	7.0
<b>Operatives</b> .....	1,968	1,529	13.3	9.3	9.5	9.8	10.1	10.3
<b>Nonfarm laborers</b> .....	792	750	16.2	13.2	14.0	12.7	13.2	14.8
<b>Service workers</b> .....	1,190	1,146	9.2	8.1	8.1	8.6	8.5	8.5
<b>Farm workers</b> .....	114	106	3.7	4.8	5.0	4.1	4.5	3.5
<b>INDUSTRY<sup>3</sup></b>								
<b>Nonagricultural private wage and salary workers<sup>4</sup></b> .....	6,239	5,641	9.3	7.6	7.6	7.8	8.0	8.2
<b>Construction</b> .....	895	782	19.7	15.3	14.1	17.0	17.7	17.1
<b>Manufacturing</b> .....	2,333	1,733	11.1	7.6	7.3	7.6	7.8	8.2
<b>Durable goods</b> .....	1,483	966	12.0	7.7	7.4	7.5	7.3	7.7
<b>Non-durable goods</b> .....	850	767	9.8	7.6	7.3	7.7	8.4	8.9
<b>Transportation and public utilities</b> .....	270	224	5.6	4.1	5.3	5.2	5.2	4.7
<b>Wholesale and retail trade</b> .....	1,518	1,606	8.9	8.3	8.1	8.2	8.5	9.0
<b>Finance and service industries</b> .....	1,178	1,266	6.2	6.2	6.4	6.3	6.4	6.5
<b>Government workers</b> .....	622	704	4.0	5.0	4.8	4.2	4.5	4.4
<b>Agricultural wage and salary workers</b> .....	159	151	10.5	11.6	13.1	10.9	12.4	10.0
<b>VETERAN STATUS</b>								
<b>Males, Vietnam-era veterans<sup>5</sup>:</b>								
<b>20 to 34 years</b> .....	568	465	9.3	6.7	7.3	8.8	8.4	7.4
<b>20 to 24 years</b> .....	183	142	18.1	14.7	14.7	19.6	20.0	15.4
<b>25 to 29 years</b> .....	268	205	8.2	6.2	6.6	7.9	6.8	6.8
<b>30 to 34 years</b> .....	117	118	6.4	3.7	5.1	5.5	5.7	5.0
<b>Males, nonveterans:</b>								
<b>20 to 34 years</b> .....	1,419	1,331	9.9	7.9	7.9	7.8	8.7	8.8
<b>20 to 24 years</b> .....	894	759	13.9	10.8	10.9	10.5	10.9	11.4
<b>25 to 29 years</b> .....	352	392	8.3	6.0	6.0	6.4	8.3	8.1
<b>30 to 34 years</b> .....	173	180	4.7	5.0	4.8	4.9	5.3	5.0

<sup>1</sup> Unemployment rate calculated as a percent of civilian labor force.

<sup>2</sup> Aggregate hours lost by the unemployed and persons on part time for economic reasons as a percent of potentially available labor force hours.

<sup>3</sup> Unemployment by occupation includes all experienced unemployed persons, whereas that by industry covers only unemployed wage and salary workers.

<sup>4</sup> Includes mining, not shown separately.

<sup>5</sup> Vietnam-era veterans are those who served between August 5, 1964, and April 30, 1975.

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**Table A-3. Selected employment indicators**

[In thousands]

Selected categories	Not seasonally adjusted		Seasonally adjusted					
	Aug. 1975	Aug. 1976	Aug. 1975	Apr. 1976	May 1976	June 1976	July 1976	Aug. 1976
<b>Total employed, 16 years and over</b>	86,612	89,367	85,288	87,399	87,697	87,500	87,907	87,981
Males	52,915	54,196	51,446	52,490	52,554	52,243	52,501	52,655
Females	33,696	35,171	33,842	34,909	35,143	35,257	35,406	35,326
Household heads	50,524	51,272	50,437	51,165	51,200	51,163	51,054	51,170
Married men, spouse present	38,238	38,466	38,012	38,205	38,215	38,090	38,147	38,237
Married women, spouse present	19,023	19,831	19,603	20,073	20,280	20,337	20,399	20,444
<b>OCCUPATION</b>								
White-collar workers	42,224	43,441	42,536	43,433	43,792	43,763	43,481	43,782
Professional and technical	12,418	12,981	12,944	13,004	13,262	13,439	13,297	13,536
Managers and administrators, except farm	9,107	9,421	8,970	9,387	9,200	9,257	9,179	9,282
Sales workers	5,563	5,593	5,521	5,488	5,562	5,512	5,435	5,549
Clerical workers	15,136	15,446	15,101	15,554	15,768	15,555	15,570	15,415
Blue-collar workers	29,239	30,180	27,968	29,110	29,115	29,166	29,279	28,853
Craft and kindred workers	11,445	11,656	11,051	11,161	11,268	11,238	11,372	11,251
Operatives	13,176	13,658	12,807	13,508	13,514	13,690	13,530	13,273
Nonfarm laborers	4,619	4,866	4,110	4,441	4,333	4,238	4,377	4,329
Service workers	11,784	12,452	11,676	11,858	11,981	12,028	12,185	12,325
Farm workers	3,364	3,295	3,008	2,922	2,833	2,802	2,878	2,951
<b>MAJOR INDUSTRY AND CLASS OF WORKER</b>								
Agriculture:								
Wage and salary workers	1,602	1,604	1,361	1,388	1,286	1,299	1,301	1,363
Self-employed workers	1,769	1,776	1,702	1,641	1,672	1,670	1,695	1,709
Unpaid family workers	515	462	397	394	359	341	340	356
Nonagricultural industries:								
Wage and salary workers	76,554	79,341	75,711	77,834	78,134	78,098	78,390	78,469
Private households	1,375	1,409	1,366	1,351	1,294	1,415	1,436	1,401
Government	14,164	14,658	14,805	14,796	14,850	14,894	14,988	15,317
Other	61,015	63,274	59,540	61,687	61,990	61,789	61,966	61,751
Self-employed workers	5,687	5,719	5,633	5,608	5,778	5,657	5,649	5,662
Unpaid family workers	486	464	457	463	460	451	432	436
<b>PERSONS AT WORK <sup>1</sup></b>								
Nonagricultural industries	71,939	74,350	76,323	77,413	79,056	79,497	79,189	78,931
Full-time schedules	60,319	62,683	62,198	63,708	64,947	64,860	65,259	64,622
Part time for economic reasons	3,895	3,682	3,234	3,248	3,382	3,080	3,012	3,047
Usually work full time	1,535	1,384	1,436	1,342	1,457	1,307	1,259	1,295
Usually work part time	2,360	2,298	1,798	1,906	1,925	1,773	1,753	1,752
Part time for noneconomic reasons	7,725	7,985	10,891	10,457	10,727	11,557	10,918	11,262

<sup>1</sup> Excludes persons "with a job but not at work" during the survey period for such reasons as vacation, illness, or industrial disputes.

**Table A-4. Duration of unemployment**

[Numbers in thousands]

Weeks of unemployment	Not seasonally adjusted		Seasonally adjusted					
	Aug. 1975	Aug. 1976	Aug. 1975	Apr. 1976	May 1976	June 1976	July 1976	Aug. 1976
Less than 5 weeks	2,668	2,738	2,758	2,979	2,855	2,618	2,951	2,829
5 to 14 weeks	2,548	2,526	2,449	1,883	1,947	2,261	2,028	2,427
15 weeks and over	2,481	2,058	2,878	2,035	1,998	2,215	2,317	2,387
15 to 26 weeks	998	785	1,431	669	830	914	1,116	1,143
27 weeks and over	1,482	1,274	1,447	1,366	1,168	1,301	1,201	1,244
Average (mean) duration, in weeks	15.2	15.2	15.5	15.7	15.0	16.9	15.8	15.5
<b>PERCENT DISTRIBUTION</b>								
Total unemployed	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Less than 5 weeks	34.7	37.4	34.1	43.2	42.0	36.9	40.4	37.0
5 to 14 weeks	33.1	34.5	30.3	27.3	28.6	31.9	27.8	31.8
15 weeks and over	32.2	28.1	35.6	29.5	29.4	31.2	31.8	31.2
15 to 26 weeks	13.0	10.7	17.7	9.7	12.2	12.9	15.3	15.0
27 weeks and over	19.3	17.4	17.9	19.8	17.2	18.3	16.5	16.3



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Table A-5. Reasons for unemployment

[Numbers in thousands]

Reason	Not seasonally adjusted		Seasonally adjusted					
	Aug. 1975	Aug. 1976	Aug. 1975	Apr. 1976	May 1976	June 1976	July 1976	Aug. 1976
<b>NUMBER OF UNEMPLOYED</b>								
Lost last job .....	4,016	3,308	4,588	3,499	3,461	3,623	3,843	3,781
Left last job .....	848	1,080	792	831	881	882	964	1,008
Reentered labor force .....	1,877	1,939	1,873	1,833	1,781	1,795	1,856	1,935
Seeking first job .....	955	997	909	894	856	805	795	951
<b>PERCENT DISTRIBUTION</b>								
Total unemployed .....	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Job losers .....	52.2	45.2	56.2	49.6	49.6	51.0	51.5	49.3
Job leavers .....	11.1	14.7	9.7	11.8	12.6	12.4	12.9	13.1
Reentrants .....	24.4	26.5	22.9	26.0	25.5	25.3	24.9	25.2
New entrants .....	12.4	13.6	11.1	12.7	12.3	11.3	10.7	12.4
<b>UNEMPLOYED AS A PERCENT OF THE CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE</b>								
Job losers .....	4.3	3.4	4.9	3.7	3.7	3.8	4.0	4.0
Job leavers .....	.9	1.1	.8	.9	.9	.9	1.0	1.1
Reentrants .....	2.0	2.0	2.0	1.9	1.9	1.9	1.9	2.0
New entrants .....	1.0	1.0	1.0	.9	.9	.9	.8	1.0

Table A-6. Unemployment by sex and age

Sex and age	Not seasonally adjusted			Seasonally adjusted unemployment rates					
	Thousands of persons		Percent looking for full-time work	Aug. 1975	Apr. 1976	May 1976	June 1976	July 1976	Aug. 1976
	Aug. 1975	Aug. 1976							
Total, 16 years and over .....	7,696	7,323	81.4	8.5	7.5	7.3	7.5	7.8	7.9
16 to 19 years .....	1,823	1,791	64.5	20.7	19.2	18.5	18.4	18.1	19.7
16 to 17 years .....	820	833	42.3	22.8	20.8	21.9	21.5	20.8	22.5
18 to 19 years .....	1,002	958	83.8	19.4	18.2	16.4	15.6	15.9	18.0
20 to 24 years .....	1,836	1,682	89.7	13.4	11.8	11.1	11.4	11.2	11.8
25 years and over .....	4,037	3,850	85.7	6.0	5.1	5.0	5.5	5.9	5.6
25 to 54 years .....	3,429	3,225	87.7	6.4	5.3	5.3	5.7	6.1	5.8
55 years and over .....	608	625	75.5	4.7	4.6	4.2	4.7	4.8	4.8
Males, 16 years and over .....	4,102	3,650	86.5	8.0	6.7	6.8	7.0	7.2	7.0
16 to 19 years .....	967	888	64.6	20.8	20.1	19.4	18.5	18.4	18.8
16 to 17 years .....	439	430	43.7	22.9	21.5	23.1	21.3	21.0	21.8
18 to 19 years .....	528	458	84.3	19.5	19.1	16.9	15.9	16.4	16.7
20 to 24 years .....	1,002	838	93.9	14.5	11.2	11.3	11.7	11.9	11.8
25 years and over .....	2,133	1,924	93.3	5.5	4.5	4.4	5.0	5.1	4.9
25 to 54 years .....	1,782	1,570	95.7	5.9	4.6	4.5	5.1	5.4	5.1
55 years and over .....	351	354	83.1	4.5	4.4	4.4	4.8	4.2	4.5
Females, 16 years and over .....	3,594	3,673	76.4	9.3	8.5	8.0	8.3	8.7	9.1
16 to 19 years .....	856	903	64.2	20.5	18.1	17.5	18.2	17.8	20.8
16 to 17 years .....	381	403	40.7	22.6	19.9	20.5	21.6	20.7	23.3
18 to 19 years .....	475	500	83.4	19.3	17.1	15.9	15.3	15.3	19.5
20 to 24 years .....	833	844	85.4	12.0	12.6	10.8	11.0	10.4	11.8
25 years and over .....	1,904	1,926	78.1	6.8	6.1	6.0	6.3	7.1	6.6
25 to 54 years .....	1,647	1,655	80.2	7.4	6.5	6.4	6.7	7.3	7.0
55 years and over .....	258	271	65.3	5.1	4.9	4.0	4.5	5.8	5.2

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**Table B-1. Employees on nonagricultural payrolls, by industry**

[In thousands]

Industry	Not seasonally adjusted				Seasonally adjusted					
	Aug. 1975	June 1976	July 1976 <sup>p</sup>	Aug. 1976 <sup>p</sup>	Aug. 1975	Apr. 1976	May 1976	June 1976	July 1976 <sup>p</sup>	Aug. 1976 <sup>p</sup>
<b>TOTAL</b> .....	76,900	79,805	78,900	79,280	77,023	78,963	78,923	78,943	79,192	79,431
<b>GOODS-PRODUCING</b> .....	22,901	23,435	23,202	23,586	22,418	23,144	23,123	23,091	23,094	23,113
<b>MINING</b> .....	763	795	804	763	749	772	773	779	788	749
<b>CONTRACT CONSTRUCTION</b> .....	3,688	3,523	3,578	3,610	3,415	3,399	3,386	3,362	3,369	3,343
<b>MANUFACTURING</b> .....	18,450	19,117	18,820	19,213	18,254	18,973	18,964	18,950	18,937	19,021
<i>Production workers</i> .....	13,180	13,774	13,473	13,839	13,011	13,668	13,656	13,630	13,610	13,679
<b>DURABLE GOODS</b> .....	10,592	11,162	10,958	11,126	10,563	11,000	11,046	11,046	11,035	11,103
<i>Production workers</i> .....	7,468	7,994	7,790	7,938	7,450	7,858	7,900	7,890	7,877	7,934
Ordnance and accessories .....	167.4	157.5	156.5	156.8	167	161	161	158	157	156
Lumber and wood products .....	583.9	622.8	622.8	627.4	563	597	600	602	604	605
Furniture and fixtures .....	457.4	493.8	480.8	491.9	452	492	495	490	490	486
Stone, clay, and glass products .....	624.9	640.8	642.3	644.9	610	624	626	627	630	629
Primary metal industries .....	1,147.8	1,215.1	1,207.4	1,209.3	1,148	1,181	1,187	1,197	1,203	1,209
Fabricated metal products .....	1,332.0	1,400.9	1,373.1	1,405.2	1,331	1,389	1,391	1,388	1,386	1,404
Machinery, except electrical .....	2,000.6	2,081.8	2,062.5	2,076.6	2,013	2,054	2,064	2,065	2,075	2,089
Electrical equipment .....	1,740.3	1,842.3	1,807.6	1,842.3	1,747	1,828	1,833	1,833	1,819	1,850
Transportation equipment .....	1,636.8	1,760.8	1,677.4	1,725.4	1,645	1,739	1,748	1,747	1,735	1,743
Instruments and related products .....	483.8	515.3	511.3	519.1	481	510	512	512	512	516
Miscellaneous manufacturing .....	417.0	430.8	416.0	427.3	406	425	429	427	424	416
<b>NONDURABLE GOODS</b> .....	7,858	7,955	7,862	8,087	7,691	7,973	7,918	7,904	7,902	7,918
<i>Production workers</i> .....	5,712	5,780	5,683	5,901	5,561	5,810	5,756	5,740	5,733	5,745
Food and kindred products .....	1,804.1	1,707.4	1,748.9	1,844.8	1,688	1,707	1,712	1,716	1,713	1,726
Tobacco manufactures .....	85.1	67.7	73.2	82.3	78	75	75	74	80	76
Textile mill products .....	923.4	981.3	951.9	976.7	918	972	973	969	965	971
Apparel and other textile products .....	1,255.1	1,331.0	1,251.6	1,316.8	1,245	1,317	1,315	1,315	1,308	1,306
Paper and allied products .....	644.9	684.7	678.9	685.3	639	674	678	677	679	679
Printing and publishing .....	1,069.5	1,077.8	1,075.3	1,077.7	1,072	1,077	1,079	1,076	1,079	1,080
Chemicals and allied products .....	1,015.8	1,036.2	1,041.6	1,042.4	1,008	1,033	1,031	1,027	1,033	1,034
Petroleum and coal products .....	204.6	205.7	207.3	207.0	199	204	203	202	202	202
Rubber and plastics products, nec. .....	592.4	580.0	567.1	581.1	588	634	573	573	571	577
Leather and leather products .....	262.6	282.7	266.0	273.2	256	280	279	275	272	267
<b>SERVICE-PRODUCING</b> .....	53,999	56,370	55,698	55,694	54,605	55,819	55,800	55,852	56,098	56,318
<b>TRANSPORTATION AND PUBLIC UTILITIES</b> .....	4,493	4,531	4,532	4,522	4,466	4,510	4,498	4,477	4,492	4,495
<b>WHOLESALE AND RETAIL TRADE</b> .....	16,959	17,552	17,509	17,553	17,016	17,444	17,439	17,460	17,559	17,612
<b>WHOLESALE TRADE</b> .....	4,192	4,280	4,292	4,302	4,159	4,255	4,262	4,254	4,262	4,268
<b>RETAIL TRADE</b> .....	12,767	13,272	13,217	13,251	12,857	13,189	13,177	13,206	13,297	13,344
<b>FINANCE, INSURANCE, AND REAL ESTATE</b> .....	4,273	4,344	4,365	4,368	4,218	4,293	4,278	4,297	4,300	4,312
<b>SERVICES</b> .....	14,162	14,775	14,778	14,812	14,050	14,498	14,514	14,557	14,617	14,694
<b>GOVERNMENT</b> .....	14,112	15,168	14,514	14,439	14,855	15,074	15,071	15,061	15,130	15,205
<b>FEDERAL</b> .....	2,775	2,758	2,775	2,758	2,756	2,730	2,727	2,725	2,721	2,739
<b>STATE AND LOCAL</b> .....	11,337	12,410	11,739	11,681	12,099	12,344	12,344	12,336	12,409	12,466

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**Table B-2. Average weekly hours of production or nonsupervisory workers<sup>1</sup> on private nonagricultural payrolls, by industry**

Industry	Not seasonally adjusted				Seasonally adjusted					
	Aug. 1975	June 1976	July 1976 <sup>P</sup>	Aug. 1976 <sup>P</sup>	Aug. 1975	Apr. 1976	May 1976	June 1976	July 1976 <sup>P</sup>	Aug. 1976 <sup>P</sup>
<b>TOTAL PRIVATE</b> .....	36.6	36.4	36.6	36.6	36.2	36.1	36.2	36.1	36.2	36.2
<b>MINING</b> .....	42.0	42.8	43.0	40.0	41.8	42.6	42.5	42.3	42.8	39.8
<b>CONTRACT CONSTRUCTION</b> .....	37.8	37.9	37.9	38.0	36.7	37.5	37.2	37.1	36.8	36.9
<b>MANUFACTURING</b> .....	39.7	40.4	40.0	39.9	39.7	39.4	40.2	40.2	40.2	39.9
<i>Overtime hours</i> .....	2.9	3.2	3.1	3.1	2.8	2.5	3.2	3.1	3.2	3.0
<b>DURABLE GOODS</b> .....	39.9	41.1	40.5	40.5	40.2	39.7	40.9	40.8	40.8	40.8
<i>Overtime hours</i> .....	2.7	3.4	3.1	3.2	2.7	2.5	3.3	3.3	3.2	3.2
Ordnance and accessories .....	41.0	41.2	40.4	40.1	41.2	39.6	40.8	41.1	40.8	40.3
Lumber and wood products .....	39.8	40.6	40.3	40.8	39.5	40.0	40.1	39.8	40.4	40.5
Furniture and fixtures .....	38.8	39.0	38.3	39.2	38.3	38.4	38.9	38.6	38.6	38.7
Stone, clay, and glass products .....	41.1	41.7	41.3	41.1	40.7	41.0	41.3	41.2	41.1	40.7
Primary metal industries .....	39.6	41.3	41.1	41.1	39.9	40.4	40.9	41.1	41.3	41.4
Fabricated metal products .....	40.0	41.3	40.6	41.1	40.0	39.6	40.9	40.9	40.8	41.1
Machinery, except electrical .....	40.4	41.2	40.6	40.8	40.8	40.2	41.1	41.1	41.2	41.2
Electrical equipment .....	39.5	40.3	39.5	39.8	39.6	39.2	40.2	40.1	40.1	39.9
Transportation equipment .....	40.0	42.8	42.0	40.2	41.2	40.6	42.2	42.4	42.0	41.4
Instruments and related products .....	39.3	40.5	40.1	40.4	39.5	39.6	40.8	40.5	40.6	40.6
Miscellaneous manufacturing .....	38.3	38.7	38.4	38.6	38.2	38.0	38.7	38.6	38.7	38.5
<b>NONDURABLE GOODS</b> .....	39.5	39.4	39.2	39.2	39.3	38.7	39.5	39.2	39.1	39.0
<i>Overtime hours</i> .....	3.1	3.0	3.0	2.9	2.9	2.6	3.1	2.9	3.0	2.7
Food and kindred products .....	41.3	40.2	40.5	40.6	40.7	40.0	40.2	40.0	40.1	40.0
Tobacco manufactures .....	38.2	38.2	33.8	36.4	37.6	39.0	38.4	38.4	34.5	35.9
Textile mill products .....	40.6	40.7	40.0	39.8	40.4	39.0	40.7	40.3	40.2	39.6
Apparel and other textile products .....	35.9	35.9	35.6	35.4	35.5	34.9	35.9	35.9	35.5	35.0
Paper and allied products .....	42.4	42.6	42.3	42.5	42.1	41.8	42.8	42.5	42.3	42.2
Printing and publishing .....	37.2	37.5	37.6	37.7	37.1	37.1	37.5	37.4	37.6	37.5
Chemicals and allied products .....	40.9	41.6	41.4	41.1	41.1	41.5	41.6	41.4	41.5	41.3
Petroleum and coal products .....	41.0	42.2	42.6	42.2	41.0	42.2	42.2	41.9	42.1	42.2
Rubber and plastics products, nec .....	40.1	40.5	39.8	39.8	40.1	39.4	40.7	40.3	40.2	39.8
Leather and leather products .....	38.2	37.8	37.5	36.7	38.0	37.5	38.1	37.1	37.1	36.6
<b>TRANSPORTATION AND PUBLIC UTILITIES</b> .....	39.9	40.0	40.3	40.2	39.5	40.0	39.6	39.8	39.8	39.8
<b>WHOLESALE AND RETAIL TRADE</b> .....	34.6	33.9	34.5	34.5	33.8	33.9	33.8	33.6	33.6	33.7
<b>WHOLESALE TRADE</b> .....	38.7	38.9	39.3	39.3	38.6	38.9	38.9	38.7	39.1	39.2
<b>RETAIL TRADE</b> .....	33.4	32.4	33.0	33.0	32.3	32.5	32.3	32.0	31.9	31.9
<b>FINANCE, INSURANCE, AND REAL ESTATE</b> .....	36.4	36.6	36.7	37.0	36.3	36.6	36.8	36.6	36.6	36.9
<b>SERVICES</b> .....	34.3	33.6	34.0	33.9	33.8	33.5	33.7	33.4	33.4	33.4

<sup>1</sup> Data relate to production workers in mining and manufacturing; to construction workers in contract construction; and to nonsupervisory workers in transportation and public utilities; wholesale and retail trade; finance, insurance, and real estate; and services. These groups account for approximately four-fifths of the total employment on private nonagricultural payrolls. p=preliminary.

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**Table B-3. Average hourly and weekly earnings of production or nonsupervisory workers<sup>1</sup> on private nonagricultural payrolls, by industry**

Industry	Average hourly earnings				Average weekly earnings			
	Aug. 1975	June 1976	July 1976 <sup>P</sup>	Aug. 1976 <sup>P</sup>	Aug. 1975	June 1976	July 1976 <sup>P</sup>	Aug. 1976 <sup>P</sup>
<b>TOTAL PRIVATE</b> .....	\$ 4.56	\$ 4.84	\$ 4.86	\$ 4.87	\$166.90	\$176.18	\$177.88	\$178.24
<i>Seasonally adjusted</i> .....	4.57	4.84	4.87	4.88	165.43	174.72	176.29	176.66
<b>MINING</b> .....	5.92	6.32	6.37	6.21	248.64	270.50	273.91	248.40
<b>CONTRACT CONSTRUCTION</b> .....	7.	7.60	7.68	7.70	274.81	288.04	291.07	292.60
<b>MANUFACTURING</b> .....	4.82	5.15	5.19	5.20	191.35	208.06	207.60	207.48
<b>DURABLE GOODS</b> .....	5.16	5.53	5.55	5.57	205.88	227.28	224.78	225.59
Ordnance and accessories .....	5.28	5.64	5.72	5.75	166.41	232.37	231.09	230.58
Lumber and wood products .....	4.39	4.76	4.82	4.86	174.72	193.26	194.25	198.29
Furniture and fixtures .....	3.78	3.96	3.97	4.03	146.66	154.44	152.05	157.98
Stone, clay, and glass products .....	4.96	5.30	5.34	5.35	203.86	221.01	220.54	219.89
Primary metal industries .....	6.29	6.77	6.83	6.91	249.08	279.60	280.71	284.00
Fabricated metal products .....	5.10	5.44	5.42	5.48	204.00	224.67	220.05	225.23
Machinery, except electrical .....	5.39	5.72	5.74	5.79	217.76	235.66	233.04	236.23
Electrical equipment .....	4.60	4.84	4.88	4.88	181.70	195.05	192.76	194.22
Transportation equipment .....	6.01	6.52	6.48	6.53	240.40	279.06	272.16	262.51
Instruments and related products .....	4.57	4.83	4.87	4.88	179.60	195.62	195.29	197.15
Miscellaneous manufacturing .....	3.79	3.99	4.03	4.03	145.16	154.41	154.75	155.56
<b>NONDURABLE GOODS</b> .....	4.36	4.62	4.68	4.68	172.22	182.03	183.46	183.46
Food and kindred products .....	4.58	4.92	4.94	4.90	189.15	197.78	200.07	198.94
Tobacco manufactures .....	4.32	5.23	4.99	4.80	165.02	199.79	168.66	174.72
Textile mill products .....	3.38	3.59	3.72	3.74	137.23	146.11	148.80	148.85
Apparel and other textile products .....	3.16	3.40	3.39	3.41	113.44	122.06	120.68	120.71
Paper and allied products .....	5.10	5.39	5.47	5.52	216.24	229.61	231.38	234.60
Printing and publishing .....	5.45	5.65	5.67	5.69	202.74	211.88	213.19	214.51
Chemicals and allied products .....	5.44	5.84	5.91	5.90	222.50	242.94	244.67	242.49
Petroleum and coal products .....	6.55	7.11	7.12	7.11	268.55	300.04	303.31	300.04
Rubber and plastics products, nec .....	4.39	4.38	4.40	4.41	176.04	177.39	175.12	175.52
Leather and leather products .....	3.21	3.43	3.41	3.45	122.62	129.65	127.88	126.62
<b>TRANSPORTATION AND PUBLIC UTILITIES</b> .....	6.05	6.42	6.45	6.49	241.40	256.80	259.94	260.90
<b>WHOLESALE AND RETAIL TRADE</b> .....	3.76	3.96	3.97	3.96	130.10	134.24	136.97	136.62
<b>WHOLESALE TRADE</b> .....	4.93	5.14	5.17	5.17	190.79	199.95	203.18	203.18
<b>RETAIL TRADE</b> .....	3.35	3.53	3.55	3.52	111.89	114.37	117.15	116.16
<b>FINANCE, INSURANCE, AND REAL ESTATE</b> .....	4.15	4.34	4.36	4.40	151.06	158.84	160.01	162.80
<b>SERVICES</b> .....	4.03	4.34	4.32	4.35	138.23	145.82	146.88	147.47

<sup>1</sup> See footnote 1, table B-2.

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**Table B-4. Hourly earnings index for production or nonsupervisory workers<sup>1</sup> on private nonagricultural payrolls, by industry division, seasonally adjusted**

[1967=100]

Industry	Aug. 1975	Mar. 1976	Apr. 1976	May 1976	June 1976	July <sup>p</sup> 1976	Aug. P 1976	Percent change from	
								Aug. 1975-Aug. 1976	July 1976-Aug. 1976
<b>TOTAL PRIVATE NONFARM:</b>									
Current dollars .....	174.6	181.4	182.2	183.7	184.5	185.6	186.5	6.8	0.5
Constant (1967) dollars .....	107.3	108.2	108.3	108.5	108.5	108.6	N.A.	(2)	(3)
<b>MINING</b> .....	186.2	194.8	195.9	197.6	197.7	199.1	202.1	8.6	1.5
<b>CONTRACT CONSTRUCTION</b> .....	176.7	183.4	183.2	185.1	185.8	188.3	186.9	5.7	-0.8
<b>MANUFACTURING</b> .....	173.3	180.7	181.8	182.4	183.6	185.2	186.3	7.5	.6
<b>TRANSPORTATION AND PUBLIC UTILITIES</b> .....	186.2	194.8	195.5	198.5	199.4	199.5	200.0	7.4	.3
<b>WHOLESALE AND RETAIL TRADE</b> .....	170.5	174.9	175.7	177.3	177.5	178.8	178.9	4.9	.1
<b>FINANCE, INSURANCE, AND REAL ESTATE</b> .....	163.0	168.3	169.0	170.4	170.0	170.7	173.4	6.3	1.5
<b>SERVICES</b> .....	177.1	185.2	186.5	188.2	189.3	189.0	191.2	7.9	1.2

<sup>1</sup> See footnote 1, table B-2.

<sup>2</sup> Percent change was 1.8 from July 1975 to July 1976, the latest month available.

<sup>3</sup> Percent change was 0.1 from June 1976 to July 1976, the latest month available.

N.A. = not available.

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NOTE: All series are in current dollars except where indicated. The index excludes effects of two types of changes that are unrelated to underlying wage-rate developments: Fluctuations in overtime premiums in manufacturing (the only sector for which overtime data are available) and the effects of changes in the proportion of workers in high-wage and low-wage industries.

**Table B-5. Indexes of aggregate weekly hours of production or nonsupervisory workers<sup>1</sup> on private nonagricultural payrolls, by industry, seasonally adjusted**

[1967 = 100]

Industry division and group	1975					1976							
	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July <sup>p</sup>	Aug. P
<b>TOTAL</b> .....	107.4	107.9	108.4	108.8	109.3	110.3	110.5	110.2	110.7	111.2	110.6	110.9	111.0
<b>GOODS-PRODUCING</b> .....	91.2	92.4	92.7	92.9	94.3	95.5	95.2	94.8	94.5	96.0	95.5	95.4	94.9
<b>MINING</b> .....	118.6	119.9	125.0	124.7	125.7	125.2	124.4	124.8	124.9	124.4	124.9	128.1	111.7
<b>CONTRACT CONSTRUCTION</b> .....	98.3	98.6	97.3	97.7	98.8	100.3	98.8	93.4	98.8	97.8	96.8	96.6	96.0
<b>MANUFACTURING</b> .....	89.0	90.3	90.8	90.9	92.5	93.7	93.6	94.0	92.7	94.7	94.2	94.0	94.1
<b>DURABLE GOODS</b> .....	86.7	87.7	87.8	88.1	90.0	91.3	91.3	92.0	91.0	93.6	93.4	93.3	93.8
Ordnance and accessories .....	43.7	43.0	42.9	40.8	41.5	41.6	40.9	41.0	40.3	41.0	40.7	39.9	38.8
Lumber and wood products .....	88.8	90.1	92.1	90.8	93.4	97.0	96.4	95.2	95.8	96.4	96.1	97.9	98.4
Furniture and fixtures .....	92.6	97.4	97.9	99.2	101.0	101.5	103.1	102.8	102.5	104.8	102.5	102.3	101.8
Stone, clay, and glass products .....	94.5	95.7	95.7	96.2	97.1	97.6	96.7	95.7	98.0	99.1	99.1	99.6	98.2
Primary metal industries .....	81.7	83.5	81.9	82.3	83.6	84.1	84.9	85.3	85.8	87.4	88.7	89.9	90.6
Fabricated metal products .....	90.9	92.0	92.8	92.7	94.6	95.7	96.6	97.3	95.0	98.3	97.9	97.4	99.6
Machinery, except electrical .....	91.0	91.8	91.9	92.0	92.5	93.4	93.2	93.3	91.6	94.3	94.0	94.7	95.8
Electrical equipment and supplies .....	84.3	84.9	85.8	85.5	87.5	89.0	89.2	90.3	89.2	91.9	91.6	90.8	92.4
Transportation equipment .....	82.9	82.2	81.5	83.1	87.3	89.0	88.2	90.8	88.5	92.3	92.6	90.7	89.8
Instruments and related products .....	97.2	99.4	100.8	101.7	103.4	105.0	105.2	106.3	105.7	109.9	109.1	109.7	109.7
Miscellaneous manufacturing, Ind. ....	89.0	91.4	91.3	90.8	91.7	94.4	94.3	95.1	92.9	95.7	94.6	93.7	90.9
<b>NONDURABLE GOODS</b> .....	92.4	94.1	95.1	95.0	96.2	97.1	96.9	96.9	95.3	96.2	95.4	95.0	94.6
Food and kindred products .....	96.1	96.9	96.5	95.1	95.4	96.9	97.3	95.5	95.9	96.7	96.5	96.6	97.0
Tobacco manufactures .....	85.8	88.1	85.6	93.4	87.4	90.6	88.8	85.6	84.9	83.6	82.2	81.2	79.4
Textile mill products .....	93.0	96.4	98.1	98.0	99.1	99.7	99.0	98.6	95.2	99.5	98.0	97.4	96.8
Apparel and other textile products .....	85.3	87.8	90.0	90.1	92.1	93.1	91.8	92.6	88.9	91.2	91.3	89.5	88.1
Paper and allied products .....	89.6	91.3	92.0	92.6	94.7	95.2	95.8	95.9	95.0	97.9	97.2	96.9	96.7
Printing and publishing .....	92.4	91.9	91.8	92.4	93.5	93.4	92.5	92.7	92.1	93.4	92.7	93.2	93.2
Chemicals and allied products .....	94.5	96.1	97.4	97.6	98.1	98.5	99.4	99.1	99.5	99.5	98.4	99.1	99.2
Petroleum and coal products .....	107.3	108.9	110.2	111.6	111.1	113.8	114.4	114.4	114.8	113.9	111.4	111.9	112.2
Rubber and plastics products, nec .....	110.6	113.0	114.7	113.5	116.2	118.8	119.3	121.8	118.5	107.8	106.2	105.7	105.6
Leather and leather products .....	72.1	74.9	77.2	77.2	78.1	79.3	78.9	79.9	78.3	79.2	76.2	75.5	72.6
<b>SERVICE-PRODUCING</b> .....	118.7	118.7	119.3	119.8	119.7	120.6	121.0	120.9	121.9	121.7	121.1	121.6	122.2
<b>TRANSPORTATION AND PUBLIC UTILITIES</b> .....	100.5	101.1	101.2	101.5	101.7	101.5	102.7	102.5	102.9	101.4	101.4	101.7	101.8
<b>WHOLESALE AND RETAIL TRADE</b> .....	114.6	114.6	115.1	115.2	115.5	116.8	116.8	116.8	118.2	117.7	116.8	117.6	118.0
<b>WHOLESALE TRADE</b> .....	111.0	111.3	112.0	111.5	112.3	113.4	113.6	113.2	114.3	114.5	113.7	115.1	115.5
<b>RETAIL TRADE</b> .....	115.9	115.8	116.2	116.6	116.6	118.1	118.0	118.1	119.7	118.9	118.0	118.5	118.9
<b>FINANCE, INSURANCE, AND REAL ESTATE</b> .....	122.9	123.5	123.7	125.1	124.5	125.1	125.8	125.5	126.1	126.2	126.3	126.3	127.6
<b>SERVICES</b> .....	131.4	131.1	132.0	133.1	132.3	133.3	133.9	133.7	134.3	135.3	134.5	135.0	135.9

<sup>1</sup> See footnote 1, table B-2.

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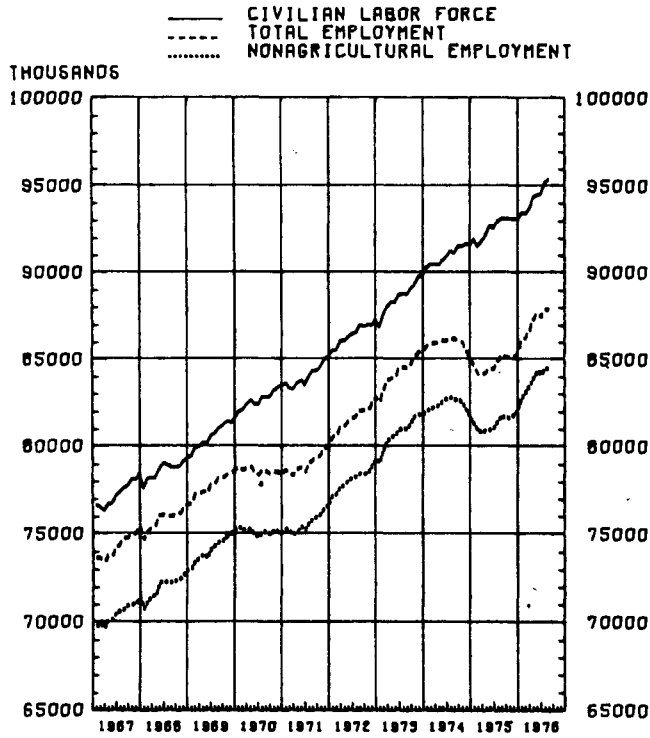
Table B-6. Indexes of diffusion: Percent of industries in which employment<sup>1</sup> increased

Year and month	Over 1-month span	Over 3-month span	Over 6-month span	Over 12-month span
<b>1973</b>				
January .....	76.7	84.0	81.7	81.1
February .....	75.0	83.7	79.4	80.8
March .....	73.8	76.2	79.4	82.6
April .....	62.5	71.5	74.7	81.4
May .....	59.9	70.3	72.1	79.7
June .....	68.0	63.1	66.6	78.5
July .....	55.8	66.9	72.1	75.6
August .....	63.1	64.8	72.7	73.5
September .....	61.6	74.7	73.0	69.2
October .....	72.7	75.9	75.6	66.0
November .....	75.0	76.5	70.3	66.6
December .....	66.6	70.1	66.0	64.2
<b>1974</b>				
January .....	59.3	62.8	60.8	63.4
February .....	52.6	53.8	55.2	59.6
March .....	46.5	48.0	49.7	55.2
April .....	47.1	48.3	48.5	50.3
May .....	55.2	51.7	49.7	40.1
June .....	53.2	52.6	45.6	28.2
July .....	52.3	45.1	37.2	27.0
August .....	45.9	39.2	31.1	22.4
September .....	36.0	40.4	23.3	20.9
October .....	37.8	28.8	17.7	18.6
November .....	20.1	21.5	17.2	16.6
December .....	18.6	13.4	13.1	14.0
<b>1975</b>				
January .....	18.6	12.5	13.4	16.6
February .....	16.6	13.7	13.1	17.4
March .....	25.0	19.2	16.3	17.4
April .....	40.4	35.8	27.9	20.9
May .....	53.8	40.4	40.1	25.9
June .....	40.4	48.5	60.8	40.4
July .....	55.2	55.8	67.4	50.3
August .....	73.5	80.2	67.4	62.5
September .....	81.7	81.4	76.5	71.2
October .....	64.8	70.3	79.4	75.9
November .....	54.7	68.9	82.0	79.1
December .....	66.6	72.7	75.6	81.4
<b>1976</b>				
January .....	75.0	78.8	80.2	83.4p
February .....	70.1	81.7	77.9	79.1p
March .....	70.9	78.8	74.4	
April .....	75.3	77.3	74.1p	
May .....	66.3	67.7	69.8p	
June .....	42.4	58.1p		
July .....	55.5p	54.9p		
August .....	59.3p			
September .....				
October .....				
November .....				
December .....				

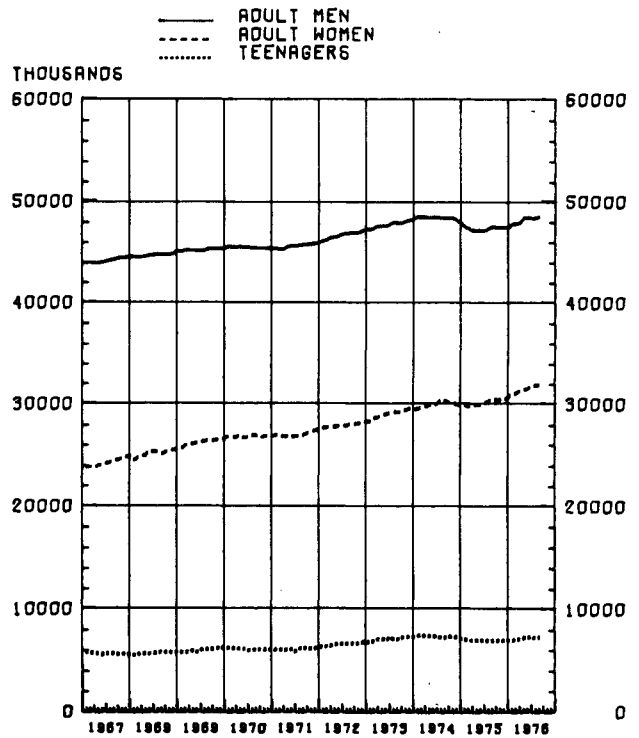
<sup>1</sup> Number of employees, seasonally adjusted, on payrolls of 172 private nonagricultural industries.  
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# LABOR FORCE, EMPLOYMENT, UNEMPLOYMENT HOUSEHOLD DATA - SEASONALLY ADJUSTED

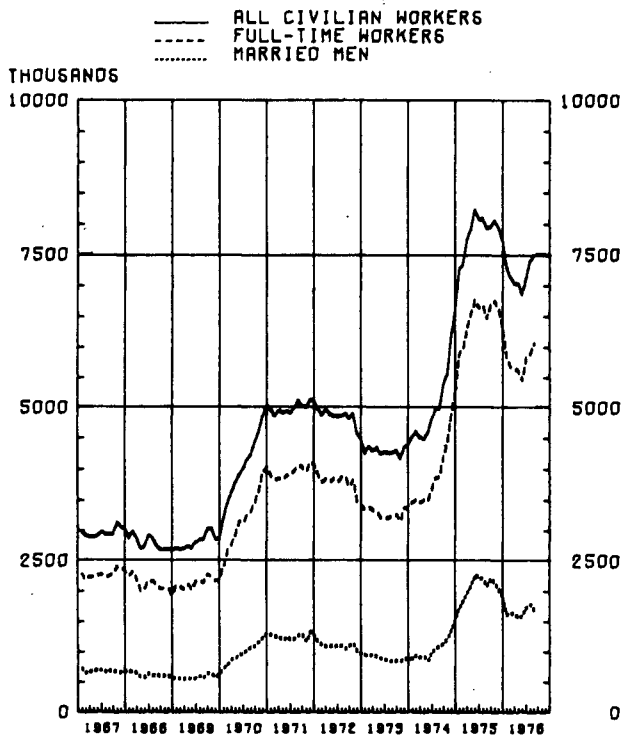
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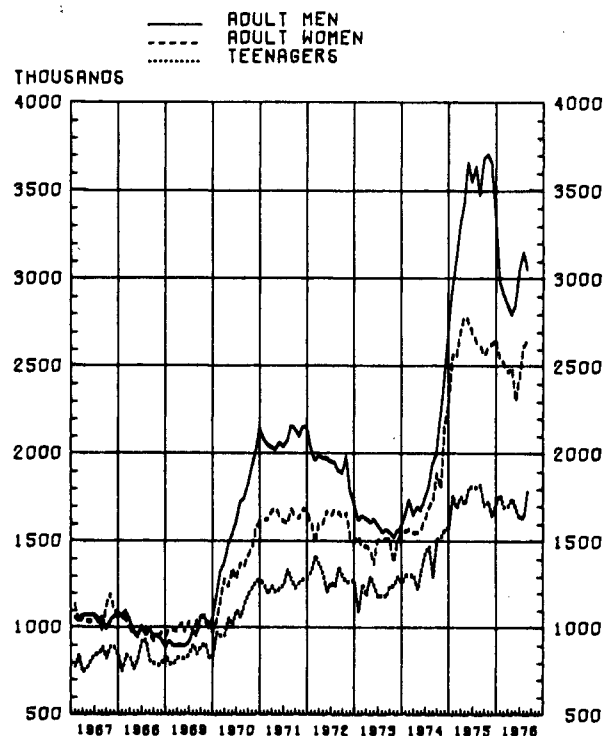
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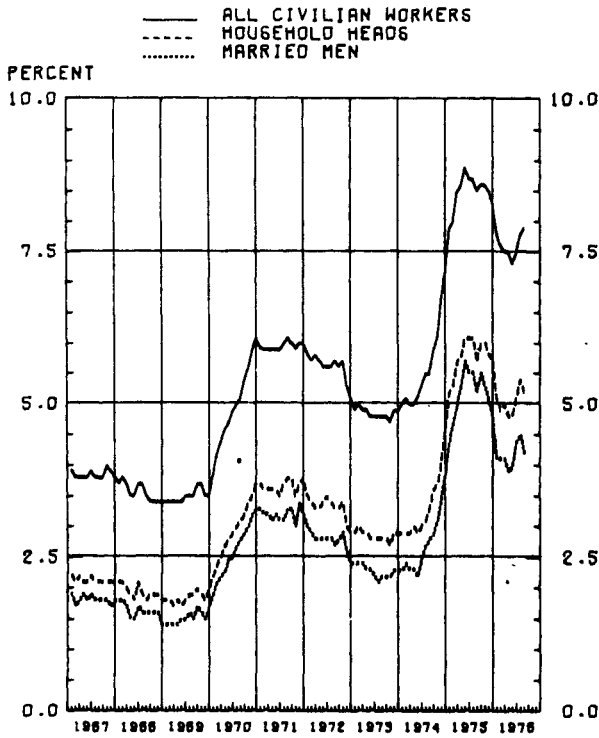


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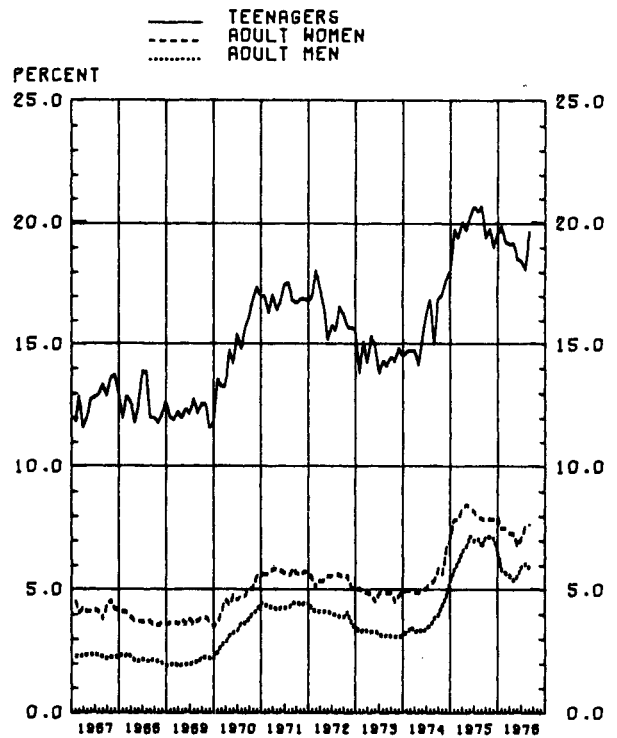


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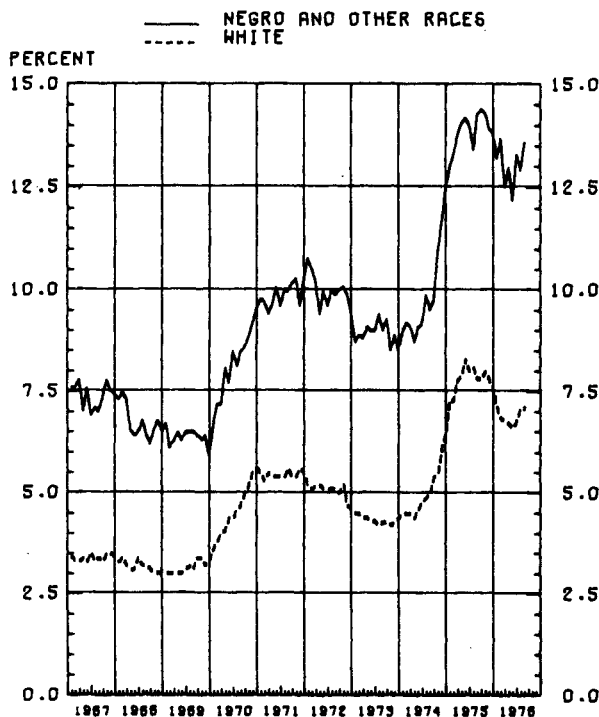
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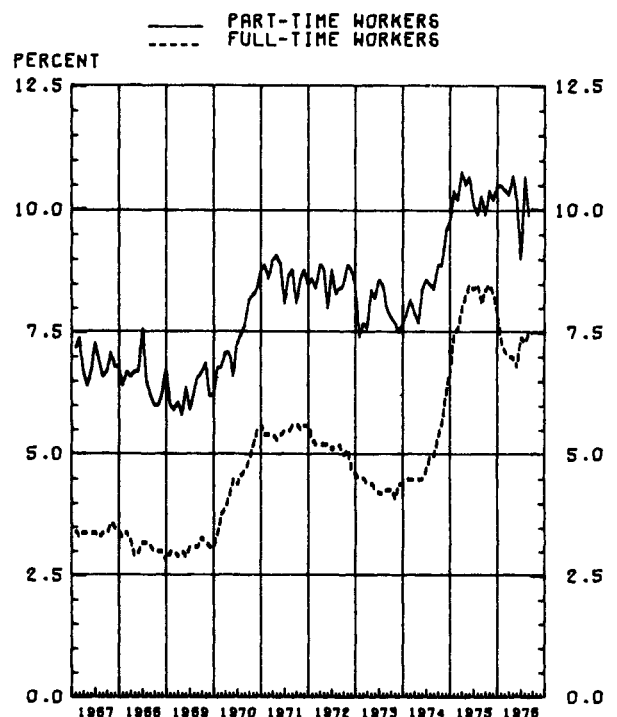
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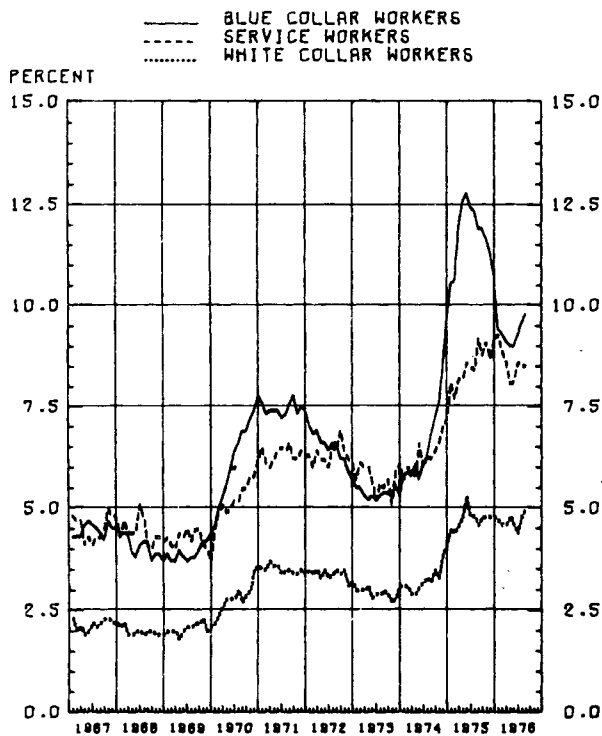
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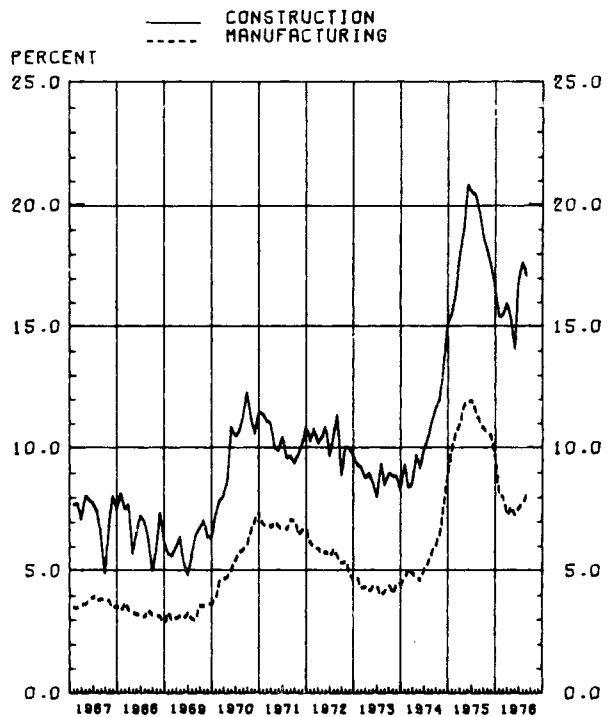


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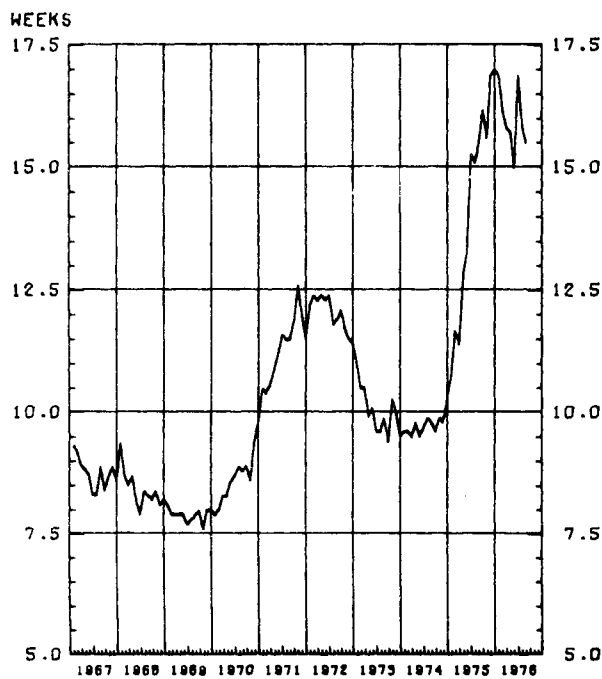
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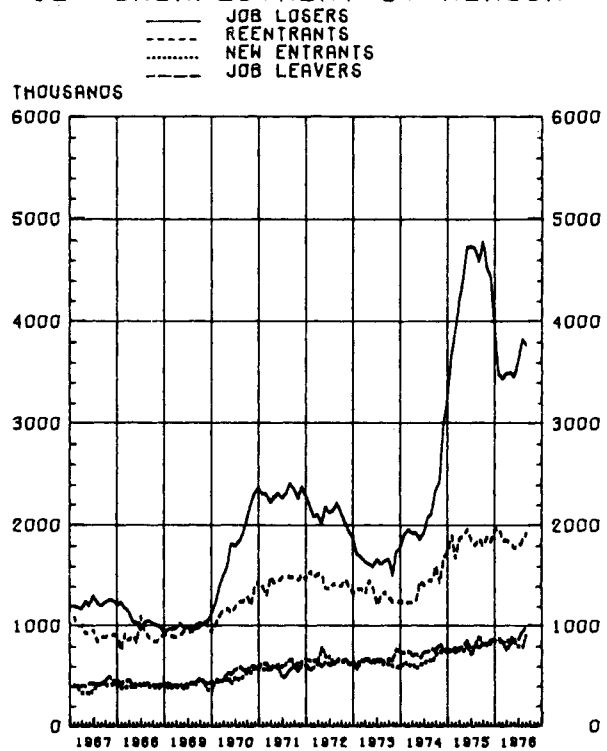
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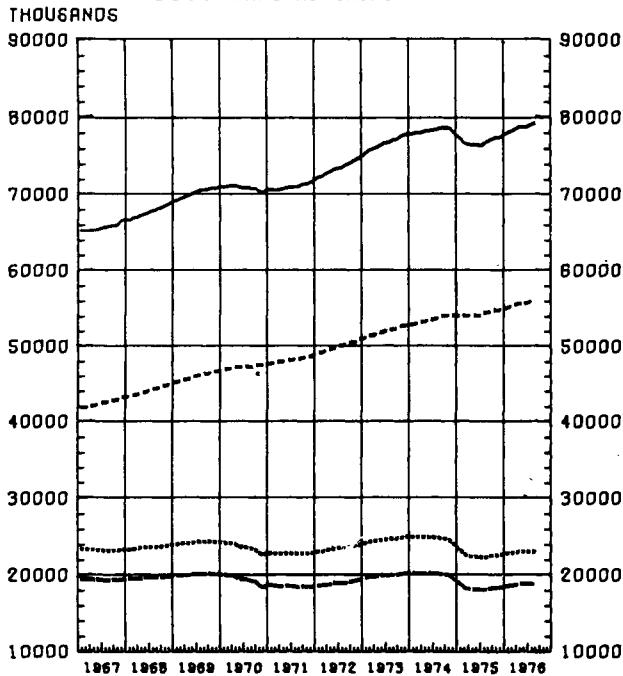
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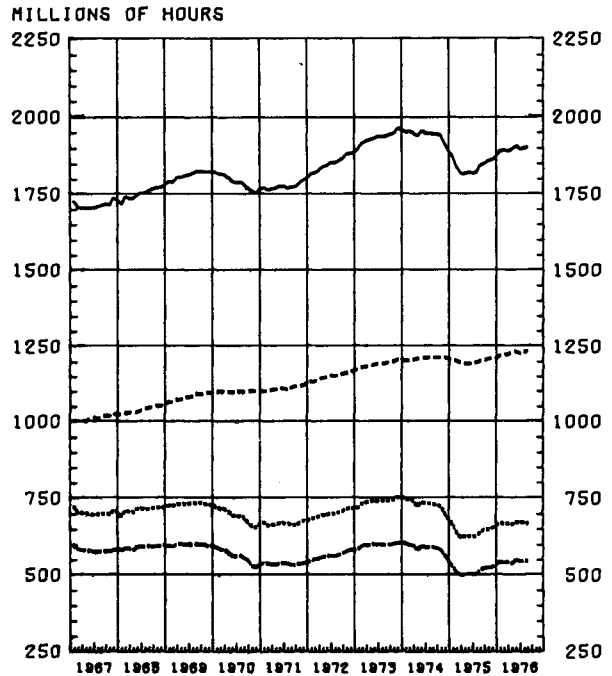
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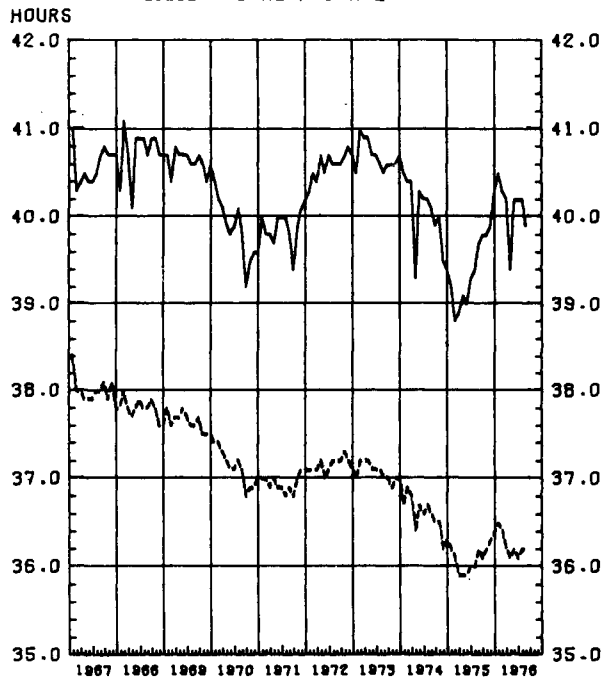
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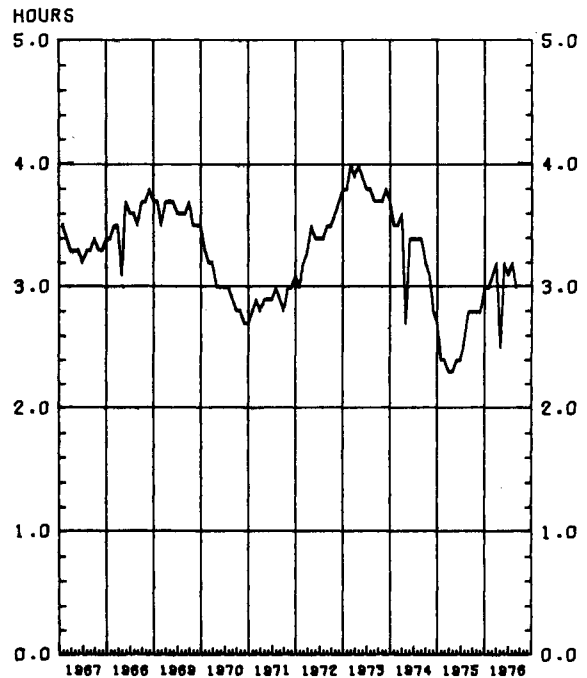


15. AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS

——— MANUFACTURING  
 - - - - TOTAL PRIVATE



16. AVERAGE WEEKLY OVERTIME HOURS  
IN MANUFACTURING



NOTE: Charts 14 and 15 relate to production or nonsupervisory workers; chart 16 relates to production workers. Data for the 2 most recent months are preliminary in charts 13-16.